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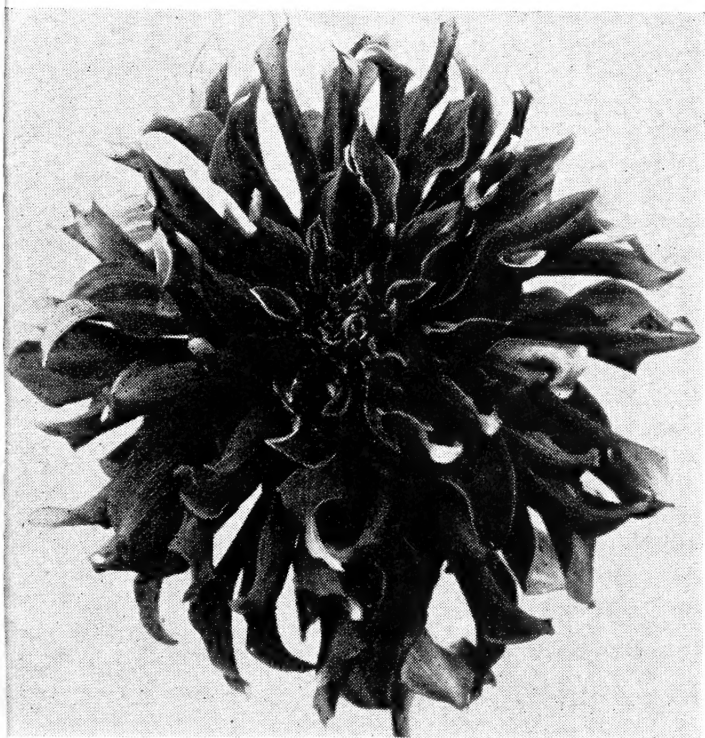
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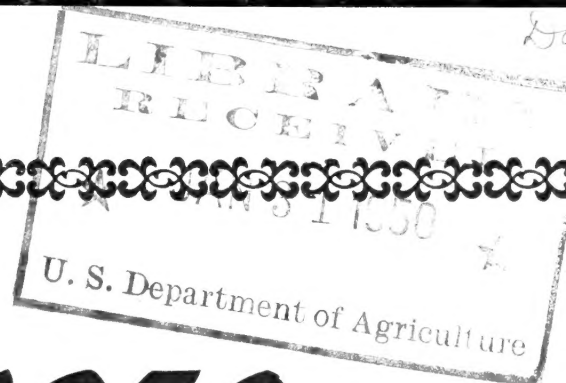
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CALIFORNIA CENTENNIAL



NINA WARREN



1950

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DAHLIAS

**BALLAY DAHLIA GARDENS**

4309 El Camino Real

PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA, U. S. A.

## TWENTY-NINTH ANNUAL CATALOGUE

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### EXPLANATION OF TYPES —

Informal Decorative (I. D.). Double flowers, full to the center, usually long irregular petals.

Formal Decorative (F. D.). Double flowers, full to the center, usually with broad flat petals.

Cactus (C.). Double flowers, full to the center, with long, narrow, pointed petals, incurved, recurved or straight, and rolled at least half their length.

Semi-Cactus (S. C.). Double flowers, full to the center, with coarse, twisted petals, usually somewhat incurved, and rolled ordinarily less than half their length.



OUR NEW INTRODUCTIONS FOR 1950

(Illustrated on front cover)

**CALIFORNIA CENTENNIAL** — Informal decorative. Buff yellow with the color somewhat accentuated at the center. An oval shaped bloom averaging in size about 12 x 7. It is a seedling of California Pageant, the habits of which it resembles in many respects. The plant growth is similar with the same strong, straight stems holding the flower in good position, and the color and form of the bloom itself characterizes it as a new variety in this desirable shade that will be hard to surpass. Unquestionably it is the outstanding variety from the West this year. It was the American Home Achievement Medal Winner at the San Francisco Show, grown and exhibited by Mr. J. L. Gaylord. It is also on Mr. Lynn B. Dudley's 1949 Dahlia Roll of Honor in Flower Grower. Strong divisions, **\$15.00 Net.**



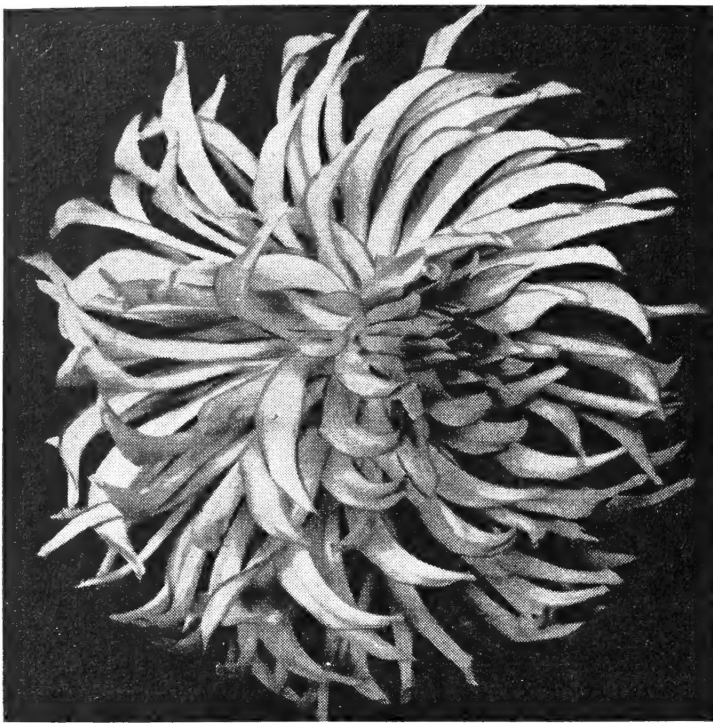
**NINA WARREN** — Semi-cactus. Bright rosy purple. At last a nice new purple semi-cactus of large size. Many who have seen it consider it a real find. The rather tall plant is a mass of blooms all season. Few dahlias have greater charm whether for garden purposes, exhibition or cutting, and it is in a color class much needed. This is a variety that will thrive in warm weather and is not improved by shading or covering. Named for the wife of the Governor of California. Incidentally, Mrs. Warren stated on seeing it that this is her favorite color.

Strong divisions .....**\$15.00 Net**

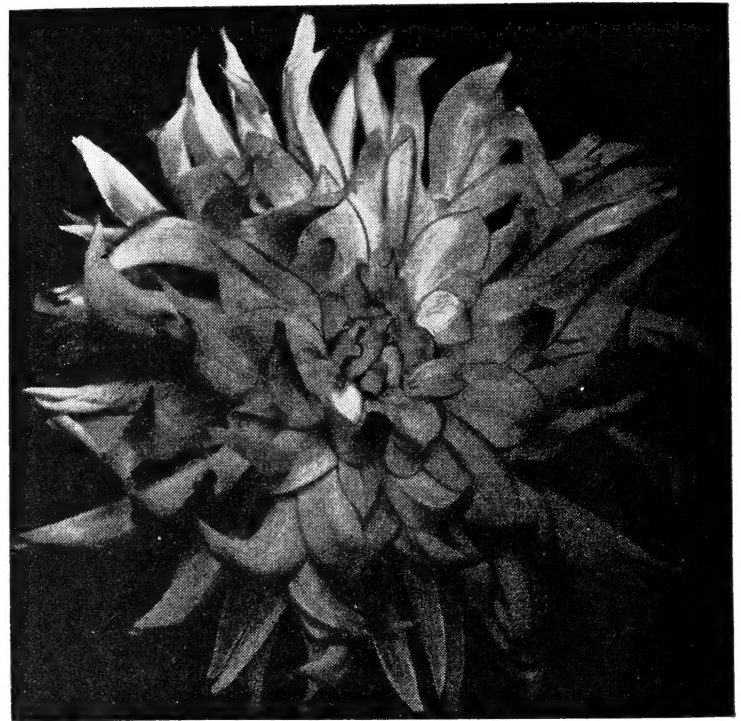


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**BARGAIN ROOT COLLECTIONS** of extra value, our selection, all different and properly tagged. May delivery. We have no surplus stock, so orders should be sent early.....**\$10.00 per Dozen Net**



FORTY-NINER



KING OF THE WHITES

## OTHER DAHLIAS OF OUR OWN INTRODUCTION

**ALCAZAR** — S.C. Deep fuchsia red or bright reddish purple. It belongs in the purple class according to the color chart, and the formation of the flower is frequently very close to the true cactus type. A nice large dahlia outstanding as to beauty and distinctiveness that blooms early and freely on the best of stems .....\$2.50

**AZURA** — I.D. Rosy lilac with a bluish-violet sheen. A very large deep flower which has won several times as largest flower in the show with blooms measuring 12 to 14 inches. Plant is tall and strong and the blooms have a distinctive and interesting formation.....\$1.50

**BALLAY ROUGE** — I.C. Bright clear red. Fine petalled true type cactus in a very popular color. Size is large for a cactus, excellent form, perfect stems, a free and early bloomer. It has been outstanding in many parts of the country .....\$2.00

**BEAU BRILLIANT** — I.D. Bright carmine. A truly brilliant color that is impressive both in the garden and show room. It is a large full flower, a profuse bloomer, and the plant growth is all that can be desired. Seems to thrive under all weather conditions.....\$2.50

**BOSPHORUS** — I.D. Burnt orange. Large, well-shaped flower of rare coloring. Reliable and satisfactory in all respects.....\$1.00

**BUTTERFLY** — I.D. Henna-orange with reverse and center rosy mauve. The odd combination of color is new and has been the subject of much favorable comment. It is a large, well-formed flower with pointed petals, reliable and attractive. Prolific bloomer.....\$3.50





CALIFORNIA PAGEANT



FRIEDA GAYLORD

**CALIFORNIA IDOL** — I.D. Lemon yellow. Famous the world over. A very large flower with ideal habits that is seldom surpassed either for garden performance or for exhibition. One of the truly great dahlias.....\$1.00

**CALIFORNIA PAGEANT** — I.D. Bright gold with shadings of reddish bronze. Very large flower of very gay coloring. Strong, straight stems hold the well-formed blooms facing perfectly. Highest scoring dahlia at Storrs in 1946. Three blooms on one plant at the same time measured 13 x 8 inches.....\$4.00

**CALIFORNIA PEACH** — S. C. Bright coral or peach. Definitely attractive because of size and color. A little difficult to grow in some localities.....\$1.50

**CALIFORNIA ROSE** — I. D. Clear bright rose. Exquisite coloring, large, tall growing. Has been described as a good keeper when cut.....\$1.00

**CATALINA** — S. C. Bright rose red of the American Beauty shade. Fairly large flower most brilliantly colored that blooms early and most freely over a long period. Well branched plant of medium height. Easy to grow. New 1948....\$5.00

**CONFUCIUS** — S. C. Chinese red (bright coral red). This very striking dahlia is a real giant with many winnings to its credit. Few dahlias have achieved greater popularity and it doubtless ranks with the very best.....\$1.50

**CORONADO** — I. D. Bright rose magenta. An interesting and sturdy variety that should be more widely known. Flower is large and of very attractive coloring with a good stem. Plant of medium height.....\$1.00

**DOROTHY LAMOUR** — Str. Cac. True orange. A dahlia of great charm because of its rare color and useful qualities. This is a distinctive variety that is much in demand .....\$2.00



GOVERNOR WARREN



HIGHLANDER

**DRESDEN** — I. D. Clear pink lavender. An uncommon color and very pleasing. A grand old dahlia.....\$1.00

**ESPLENDIDO** — I. C. Reddish coral pink. True type cactus of a most attractive and unusual color. Very tall, strong growing and an abundant producer of fine blooms. One of the best cactus in commerce.....\$2.00

**EVELYN CHANDLER** — S. C. Golden apricot. A spectacular flower of fine coloring and great size. It has been a consistent winner in numerous shows, sometimes as largest bloom. Very desirable.....\$1.00

**FAVORITA** — I. C. Canary yellow. Best yellow cactus. The outer petals of this true type cactus fold well back to the stem. Bloom is of good size and stem is always good.....\$2.00

**FIRST LADY** — I. D. Yellow shaded orange. Large flower of fine form. Strong grower with attractive foliage and stems holding the blooms well above the plant. A very good variety.....\$2.00

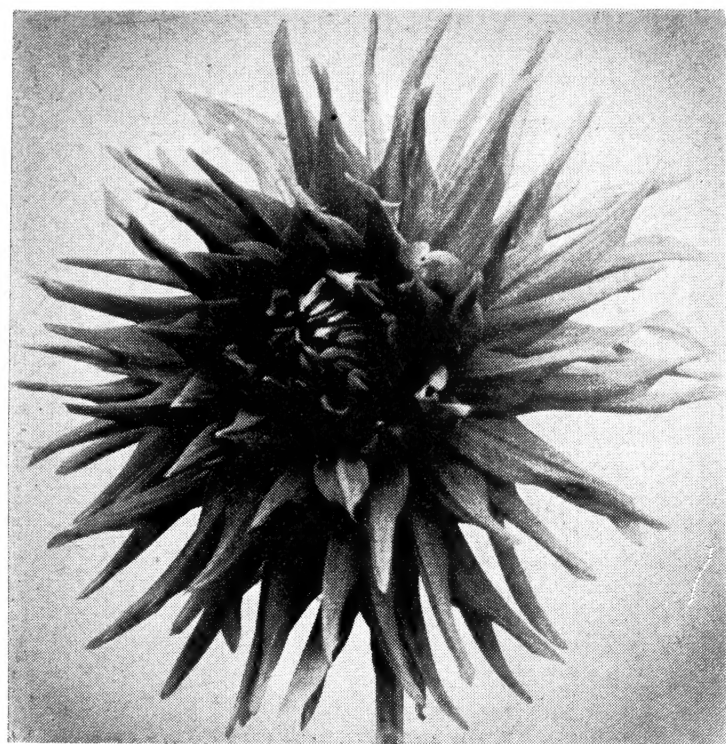
**FORTY-NINER** — S. C. Bright yellow. A huge semi-cactus with all petals definitely incurved. Well-branched, free blooming plant with ornamental foliage. A truly beautiful variety ideal for all purposes. New 1949.....\$10.00

**FRIEDA GAYLORD** — I. D. Rosy pink slightly shaded with gold. A magnificent dahlia of remarkable size and vigor. Will produce very large blooms through the whole season, some as large as 15 inches in diameter. Has won a number of major prizes in the leading shows in different parts of the country the past year. That it is one of the truly great dahlias of all time is our candid opinion. New 1946 .....\$4.00

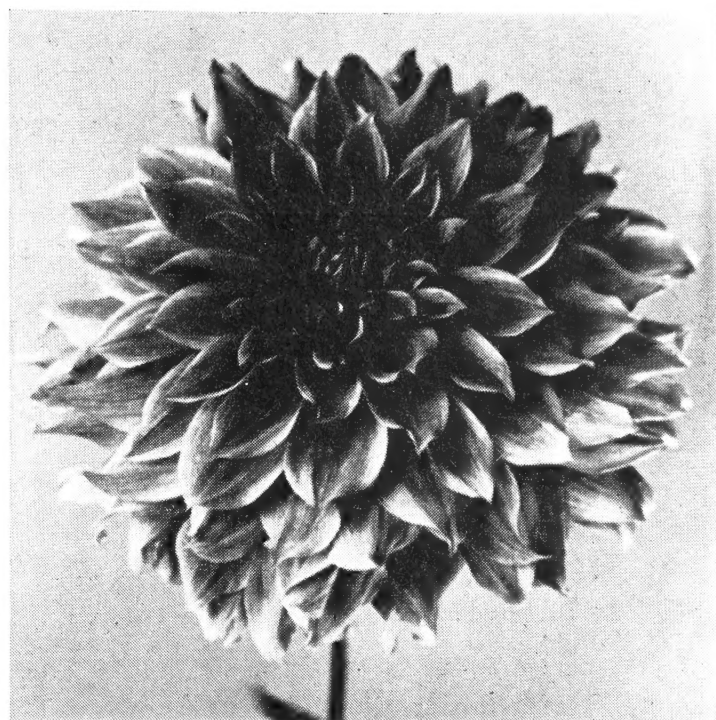
**GALA CALIFORNIA** — I. C. Scarlet orange. One of the best cactus. Attracts attention because of the bright unusual color. It will supply many fine blooms on good stems and seems to do well anywhere.....\$1.00

**GAYLORD BALLAY** — I. D. Pure white. A new giant white that has created a great sensation. Superlative size, vigorous, tall growing. Large, pure white that is winning in strong competition.....\$2.50





CATALINA



NIGHTINGALE

**GERTRUDE LAWRENCE** — I. D. Light cerise red. Outstanding variety both as to size and color. Early to bloom. Plant of medium height.....\$1.50

**GOVERNOR WARREN** — I. D. Golden salmon shading deeper at the center. A full, deep, broad petalled bloom well placed on a long rugged stem. This new giant in the autumn color class possesses real beauty as well as great size. A 1948 introduction.....\$7.50

**GRANDEE** — I. D. Light red shaded orange yellow. Noticeable because of its great size. Plant growth rather sparse.....\$1.50

**GRAND MARSHAL** — S. C. Reddish-violet. Large true type semi-cactus. Uncommon color. Particularly good in the late season.....\$1.50

**HIGHLANDER** — I. D. Scarlet-pink with a lighter reverse to the petals. A bright new shade of pink sometimes called "watermelon." Artistically formed bloom on long, strong stems. A continuous performer. New 1948.....\$5.00

**JOSEPH B. LANKTREE** — I. D. Bright red without shadings. A champion prize winner in California. Massive blooms 12 to 14 inches. Continues until the end of the season. Outstanding in its class.....\$2.50

**KING COLE** — I. D. Deep maroon red. Few dahlias will stand hot weather better. Flowers are large, well formed and with good stems. Not a prolific bloomer .....\$2.00

**KING OF THE WHITES** — I. D. Clear glistening white. This striking new white is exactly what the name implies. Very large and full with fine stems and a sturdy plant. Is not soiled by heat or moisture. We have received excellent reports from many places the past season. New 1949.....\$10.00

**LELAND STANFORD** — I. D. Brilliant cardinal. One of the best reds. Does not fade and will withstand difficult conditions. Large size, robust grower.....\$1.00

**MAGNA CHARTA** — I. D. Deep old rose. Charming flower of rare color. Will grow large on a long cane-like stem. Clean sturdy bush growth. Has not shown any faults or failings.....\$2.50

- MAESTRO** — S. C. Purple cerise. A richly-colored large flower of remarkable substance and most pleasing appearance. All good qualities and highly recommended .....\$1.50
- MAYFAIR** — I. D. True bright pink with a white center. Unusual form with lacinated petals and most artistic. Fairly large size with lots of color appeal. Good habits. New 1949.....\$7.50
- MISS GLORY** — S. C. Apricot-yellow. A refined flower of large size and excellent form. Well known and popular. One of the best in its class.....\$1.00
- MONTEZUMA** — S. C. Reddish copper or terra cotta. A giant semi-cactus on the type of Confucius. The big, bold flower has depth as well as diameter and the color is attractive and unusual.....\$2.50
- NIGHTINGALE** — F. D. Deep magenta rose shading somewhat lighter at the tips of the petals. The color is generally referred to as fuchsia. A truly spectacular flower and strictly of the formal type. Better proportioned stems and more rugged plant growth would be hard to find. Large size.....\$3.50
- PACIFICA** — S. C. Saffron yellow, light reverse. A beautiful and distinctive yellow dahlia. Petals are broad and numerous and flower will attain spectacular size. An all-purpose variety.....\$1.50
- PACIFIC SPLENDOR** — I. D. Delicate pink shading to white center. Artistic bloom of large size. A delightful color when properly grown. Habits of growth are good .....\$1.00
- PALO ALTO** — I. D. Salmon shading to gold. One of the best of the older varieties. A dahlia of fine color that is easy to grow. Rather tall plant producing many good flowers on long stems.....\$1.00
- REGALIA** — I. C. Bright cerise. An unusual cactus with perfect stems. This dahlia has proven to be a valuable addition to its class on account of its many fine qualities. A striking color and a lavish bloomer throughout the season .....\$2.00
- SAN FRANCISCO**— I. D. Shrimp pink. A giant of great beauty. Rugged grower with extra long stems.....\$1.00
- SATAN** — S. C. Flaming red, gold center. A great dahlia that is known wherever dahlias are grown. Greatest prize winner of its day.....\$1.00
- SAVINA** — I. C. Bright salmon shading to golden yellow. A husky growing plant producing nice large cactus blooms on good stems. Color is very pleasing and strikes the popular fancy. Well worthwhile if you are fond of the cactus type. New .....\$7.50
- SIR FRANCIS DRAKE** — I. D. Golden bronze shading deeper at the center. Very large flower with exceptional depth. One of the very best in the autumn shades which are always popular. We have had many fine reports on the performance of this dahlia.....\$2.00
- YANKEE DOODLE** — I. D. Fuchsia purple with crimson shadings. Giant size, rare coloring, good habits. An ideal exhibition dahlia. Not particularly recommended for climates where the summers are extremely hot and dry.....\$2.50

## GOOD VARIETIES OF OTHER GROWERS

(Name in parenthesis is that of the introducer. In the case of foreign dahlias the name of the country is given.)

- ADOLPH MAYER** — I. D. (Holland.) Maroon. Very dark medium sized flower. Strong free branching plant and a prolific bloomer.....\$1.50
- A. C. GOODACRE** — F. D. (Dixie.) Bright yellow tipped white. A real bi-color. Vigorous and productive.....\$2.00
- ALICE MAY** — I. D. (Australia.) Pure white. Large and deep with good stems and excellent substance. Dependable in the garden and generally useful..\$1.00
- ALL AMERICAN** — S. C. (Salem.) Mulberry rose. A true semi-cactus of good form, unusual color and large size. Very desirable for all purposes.....\$1.50
- AMELIA EARHART** — S. C. (Cordes.) Apricot buff with salmon shadings. One of the best of the older varieties because of the richly colored blooms of large size held facing on a good stem.....\$1.00
- AXFORD TRIUMPH** — I. D. (Australia.) Bronze and tan. A new variety of large size that is a robust grower with excellent habits.....\$2.00
- BETTY STAKER** — I. D. (Australia.) Dull gold with rose shadings. A massive flower and a beautiful color. Very impressive in the garden.....\$2.00
- BILL'S GOLD** — I. D. (Australia.) Bright old gold. One of the best of its color and an all-around fine dahlia. Very large, good grower, good stems.....\$2.00
- BLACK MONARCH** — I. D. (Rocky River.) Very dark red. Strong grower and free bloomer. Large and interesting because of its color. Improved by shading .....\$3.50
- BLUE GALILEE** — S. C. (Rees.) Violet rose with the violet shade quite pronounced. True semi-cactus of good size. The rather low growing plant produces many blooms throughout the season on good stems. New and impressive .....\$7.50
- BLUE RIVER** — I. D. (Salem.) Bluish-lavender. As near to blue as we have in dahlias. Always attracts attention. Good size.....\$1.00
- CAMEO** — F. D. (Fisher-Masson.) Soft coral or salmon pink. Color is most pleasing. Large flowers on long stems. Very satisfactory.....\$1.00
- CARL G. DAHL** — I. D. (Scott.) Old rose and gold. A consistent winner as largest bloom. Petals are broad and well placed and have good substance.....\$1.50
- CLARA CARDER** — I. D. (Australia.) Cyclamen pink. A new and pleasing color, fine form. Has capacity for great size. Prefers cool weather.....\$1.00
- CHAS. L. MASTICK** — F. D. (Mastick.) Glistening orange shading darker toward the center. A perfect formal decorative especially good for cutting. One of the best in its class.....\$1.00
- CHEROKEE BRAVE** — I. D. (Dahliadel.) Deep red. Good grower, large size, stands unusual weather well.....\$1.00



BUTTERFLY



MONTEZUMA

**CONQUEROR** — S. C. (Holland.) Clear sulphur yellow. Well-formed clean-cut flower of fairly large size and good stems. A useful and beautiful variety. New 1946. .... **\$2.50**

**COMMANDO** — F. D. (Golden Rule.) Phlox purple. Vividly colored bloom, large and attractive. A formal in a new color. .... **\$2.50**

**CORNELL** — I. D. (Parella.) Deep red, tipped white. A fair sized bi-color with good markings. Good grower but not a prolific bloomer. .... **\$2.00**

**CROYDEN ELITE** — I. D. (Australia.) Bright yellow with a slight reddish suffusion especially at center of the flower. A fine, large dahlia of exquisite form. Strong growing plant that produces many blooms on first-class stems. .... **\$2.50**

**DAHLIAMUM** — I. D. (Chemar.) Bronze gold. Very large flower, carried on top of a strong stem, that looks like a shaggy chrysanthemum. .... **\$2.50**

**DARCY SAINSBURY** — F. D. (Australia.) White. Large, full flower that is considered by many the best white formal to date. A white that will stand the weather. Good grower. .... **\$1.00**

**DIXIE'S WINE DOT** — I. D. (Dixie.) White ground striped and splashed wine red. Something new and good. A most unusual variegated dahlia of very large size and sturdy growth. .... **\$2.50**

**EVENTIDE** — I. D. (Bissell.) True purple. Fairly large flowers of unusual form, each petal being notched and slightly twirled. Nice plant with dark foliage. .... **\$2.00**

**EL RUBIO** — I. D. (Redfern.) Wine red. Very large bold flower. Plant growth extremely rugged. A late bloomer and one of the most attractive in the garden in the late fall. .... **\$1.50**

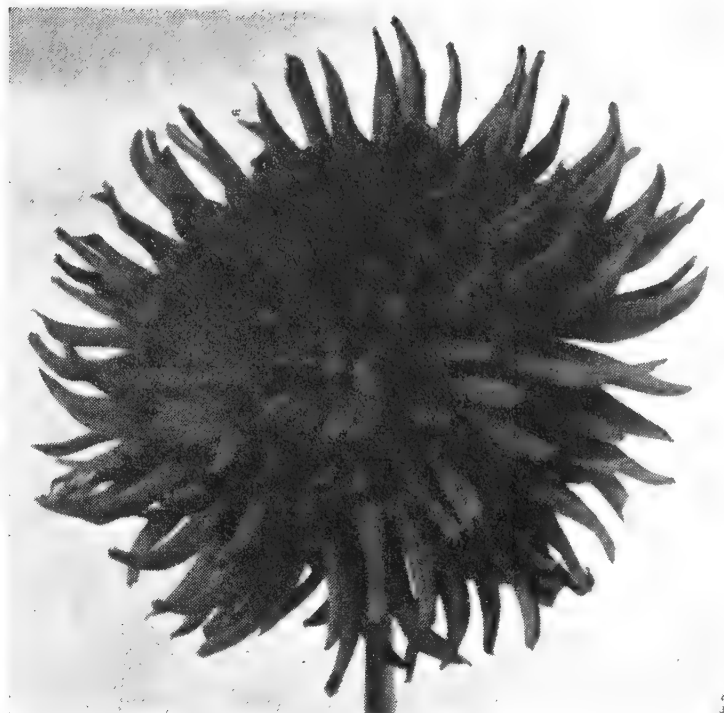
**ESSIE SMITH** — I. D. (Smith.) Lavender pink. Large deep flower. Strong grower with good habits. .... **\$2.50**

**FAITHFUL** — S. C. (Dahliadel.) Pure white. A sturdy bush with well-proportioned stems. Fairly large flower and good bloomer. .... **\$2.50**





SAVINA



ALCAZAR

**FIVE-STAR GENERAL** — F. D. (Ramage-Ruschmohr.) Blend of soft pink and creamy yellow. An exceptional dahlia of real merit. Large, well formed and a good grower. A 1946 introduction that impressed all visitors. Highly recommended .....\$3.50

**GALAXY** — I. C. (England.) Yellow striped and splashed with red. A very interesting and satisfactory cactus. Flowers are full and well formed. Plant is tall and sturdy.....\$2.00

**GAY KNIGHT** — I. D. (Australia.) Bright red suffused gold. This brightly colored bloom is extra large and held straight up on a perfect stem. One of the largest and best from Australia.....\$2.50

**GLAMOUR** — I. D. (Salem.) Light purple with shadings of rose. Grows large without pampering and is a consistent winner in the shows. Color, form and habits are all good.....\$2.00

**GOLDEN STANDARD** — I. C. (Downs.) Amber buff. Large exhibition cactus. Good grower and excellent keeper.....\$1.00

**GOULBURN** — I. C. (Australia.) Yellow shading to apricot. A true cactus of large size. Outstanding in its class with great possibilities in the show-room. ....\$2.50

**GREATER GLORY** — S. C. (Salem.) Rose pink shading to cream. Large well-formed flower on a tall plant. A valuable addition to the semi-cactus class. \$1.00

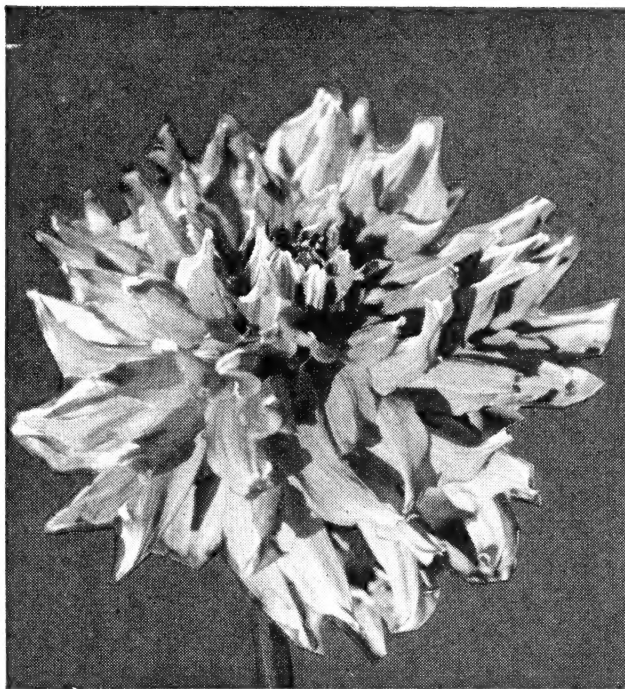
**GUNYAH GLORY** — S. C. (Australia.) Royal purple. We have nothing else exactly like it in color. Big, tall growing semi-cactus that is much admired by visitors. Outstanding. ....\$5.00

**HULIN'S MELODY** — S. C. (Hulin.) Pale gold with mauve shadings. Fine bloom of good size in an odd color combination. Grows strong and blooms abundantly. Very desirable.....\$2.00

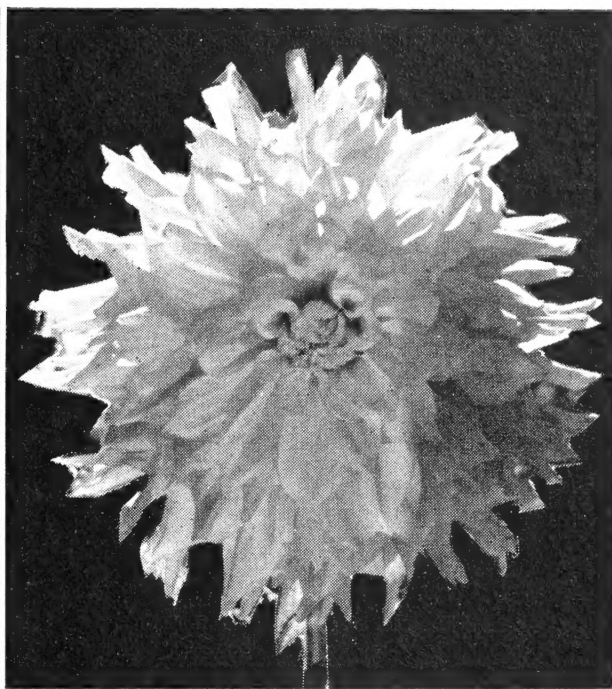
**HUNT'S VELVET WONDER** — I. D. (Hunt-Burnett.) Cerise purple. This is a huge flower with broad petals and great depth. Plant is rugged and of medium height with rather short stems.....\$1.00



- INDIAN GIANT** — I. D. (Emmons.) Reddish apricot. Very large exhibition variety. Plants are low and bushy and continue to produce fine blooms over a long period. Color is different and much admired.....**\$2.50**
- IVORY PRINCESS** — S. C. (Ruschmohr.) Ivory white. Large, well-formed flower of an unusual shade. Strong grower with good stems.....**\$2.00**
- JAMES ROSS** — I. D. (Dorff.) Reddish purple. Fair sized flower of striking appearance. Starts rather late but produces many fine fall blooms. Medium height .....**\$2.50**
- JANE LAUSCHE** — S. C. (Rocky River.) Lavender tipped white. Decidedly a new combination of color and an all-around good dahlia. It was a big prize winner in its introductory year. A novelty of real merit.....**\$2.50**
- KIRSTEN FLAGSTAD** — I. D. (Rocky River.) Bright gold with a reddish suffusion. First blooms are very large. Stems are long and strong. An early bloomer. ....**\$2.50**
- LILAC GIANT** — S. C. (Salem.) Pinkish lilac. A dahlia of tremendous size. Low growing plant but stems are sufficiently long. There are not many semi-cactus varieties in this shade and this is a good one.....**\$3.50**
- LOUISE** — S. C. (Australia.) Creamy white. Very satisfactory dahlia that resembles Mother's Day to some extent but has a better stem. Large flower on an excellent growing plant.....**\$2.50**
- LYNNE FONTANNE** — S. C. (Lee-Parrella.) Light red. Very large and full. Improves as the season advances. Winner of many prizes as largest bloom.....**\$2.00**
- MAFFIE** — S. C. (Exnar-Johnson.) Carmine red. Truly spectacular. First blooms are extremely large and have frequently won as largest in the show. Tall, open grower. ....**\$2.00**
- MARGRACE** — I. D. (Bissell.) Bright red lightly tipped gold. The large long-stemmed blooms are freely produced through the whole season.....**\$1.00**
- MARY RETZER** — I. D. (Retzer.) Clear lavender. A clean crisp flower of fairly large size. Fine growing habits. Good.....**\$1.00**
- MONARCH OF THE EAST** — I. D. (Almy.) Bright golden apricot. Giant flowers borne profusely on a rampant growing bush. Colorful.....**\$1.00**
- MOTHER'S DAY** — I. D. (Australia.) Creamy white. Beautifully shaped blooms of great size. Stem stalks are very tall and sometimes need support.....**\$2.00**



JOSEPH B. LANKTREE



FIRST LADY

**MRS. HESTER A. PAPE** — I. D. (Pape-Rocky River.) Reddish purple. Popular 1946 introduction of rich coloring. Large, sturdy and attractive. A big winner in the shows.....\$5.00

**MRS. THOMAS EDISON** — I. D. (Chautauqua.) Ruby red, with silver reverse. Outstanding color effect. Flower can be grown to good size and is always a bright spot in the garden.....\$2.00

**MURPHY'S MASTERPIECE** — I. D. (Success.) Deep red. This dahlia is naturally large and can be grown to great proportions. Has been a contender in the largest class for many years. Strong grower with good stems.....\$1.50

**NANCY C. SCHARHAG** — I. D. (Sunset.) Mallow pink striped and splashed wine purple. A sport of Dixie's Wine Dot which it very much resembles in everything but color. Very reliable. New 1947.....\$3.50

**NIRWANA** — I. C. (Holland.) Yellow and salmon. Beautiful new cactus. Flowers profusely and has strong straight stems.....\$2.50

**OAKLEIGH CHAMPION** — C. (Oakleigh.) Orange and pink with yellow shadings at base of petals. Large cactus of excellent form on strong long stems. A real pleasure to grow. Outstanding. New.....\$7.50

**OGDEN REID** — I. D. (Parrella.) Old rose with slight golden suffusion. Large exhibition bloom on long slender stem. Blooms profusely.....\$2.50

- PACIFIC ROSE** — I. D. (Thompson.) Deep rose pink. Fine large variety that is popular in California and a winner at the shows. Medium height with all good growing habits. Recommended.....\$3.50
- PAMELA JOYCE** — I. D. (Australia.) Clear yellow. Large, broad-petalled bloom on a strong but rather short stem. Blooms early and freely.....\$2.50
- PEARL HARBOR** — I. D. (Dixie.) Lavender striped and splashed deep red. A very pretty variegated dahlia of good size. Habits satisfactory.....\$2.00
- PHYLLIS KNIGHT** — I. D. (Australia.) Salmon rose. Very large size. Fine color and all good qualities except that an occasional bloom may come with a coarse center. Popular.....\$2.50
- PINK AMELIA** — S. C. (Edison.) Rose pink. A remarkable sport of Amelia Earhart with all the good points of the parent variety. Good texture and erect stem .....\$1.50
- PINK GIANT** — I. D. (Holland.) True pink. This is hardly a giant according to the American idea but it is large enough for all general purposes. The color is impressive and it has achieved popularity in this country.....\$1.00
- POET'S DREAM** — I. D. (Salem.) Shell pink or possibly soft apple blossom pink. Extraordinary as to color and size and of most beautiful formation. This would be one of the finest dahlias if it had a better stem.....\$2.50
- PREMIER'S WINSOME** — I. D. (Premier.) Soft pink with rose shadings. Good form and substance and good grower. Unusual color.....\$2.00
- REAL GLORY** — F. D. (Stephenson.) Pure white. A clear glistening white of fine form and extra good substance. Good grower and free bloomer. Unsurpassed in its class.....\$2.50
- RITA WELLS** — I. D. (Ruschmohr.) Pale rose and buff. Very large early flowering variety. Excellent growing qualities.....\$1.00
- RUBY LOXTON** — I. D. (Australia.) Bright rose. Large well-colored flower. Blooms early and freely on a strong vigorous plant.....\$2.00
- SALEM SUNSHINE** — I.D. (Salem.) Bright yellow. Another very large new yellow. Bush is low but stems are long and wiry and hold the magnificent bloom upright. Is not temperamental as to weather.....\$2.50
- SHERWOOD'S PEACH** — I. D. (Ruschmohr.) Apricot buff. Very large size, beautiful color, vigorous grower. New and striking.....\$2.00

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- ST. THERESA** — I. C. (Holland.) Pale pink with white center. Dainty flower of true pastel coloring. Stem strong and straight.....\$2.50
- STEPHEN FOSTER** — I. C. (Salem.) Golden buff suffused orange. Tall, strong plant producing many well-formed flowers of large size. A valuable addition to the cactus class.....\$2.00
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- TOPFLIGHT** — S. C. (Dozier.) Bright crimson. Fine large red that does not fade. Perfect formation. Long straight stem. Tall grower.....\$2.50
- TOPS** — I. D. (Dozier.) Bright yellow. A true giant in the most pleasing shade of yellow. Has good depth and is well formed. Never fails to attract attention.\$2.00
- TOWN TOPIC** — F. D. (Hulin.) Bright purple sometimes tipped white. Full, well-built flower on a long strong stem. A nice variety.....\$1.50
- TROJAN** — I. D. (Salem.) Deep red with yellow reverse. Color will vary from deep red to almost orange in flowers on the same bush. All are large and well supported by good stems.....\$1.50
- VICTRIX** — I. D. (Holland.) Bluish lilac. Large flower of unusual coloring. A foreign novelty of real promise.....\$3.00
- WAKE ISLAND** — S. C. (Hulin.) Deep bright red. A nice large flower of most attractive coloring. Blooms freely on a strong, shapely plant.....\$2.00
- WORLD EVENT** — I. D. (Dixie.) Deep rose pink. Large flower of pleasing formation held on a good straight stem. We like this dahlia very much as it grows in our garden.....\$2.50
- YOTO** — I. D. (Japan.) Amber yellow with shadings of pink. Very large flower with petals twisted and curled. Rugged grower with all good habits. Good for all purposes.....\$1.50

## **CARE OF DAHLIAS**

**(in California)**

Plant dahlia roots in May. Have the soil dug deep and well worked beforehand. Place a stake at each place, dig a hole deep enough so that the root can be covered 4 or 5 inches, and leave a wide basin 2 or 3 inches deep for watering. Lay roots flat, never on end. Plant  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to 3 feet apart. Water well as soon as planted and about once a week until plants are well above ground. Irrigate thoroughly about twice a week when plants are growing strong and blooming. If plants are topped when about a foot high it will cause them to branch and make a sturdier growth. Larger blooms and better stems may be had by disbudding. Leave large center bud and take off small side buds and sprouts above leaves for 2 or 3 joints. Use fertilizer sparingly. The time to fertilize is when plants are topped. Spray with a nicotine or other garden spray to prevent leaf pests the same as for other garden plants. Use ant poisons to keep ants from the patch. Dust with sulphur to control mildew. For a long season of bloom keep old flowers with foliage cut off and be sure to keep well watered at all times. Dahlias like an open, sunny situation away from the roots of trees and shrubs. Do not dig clumps until about the first of the year, leave soil on them, and store in a dry, frost-proof shed. Cut off dry stalks, stack together and cover with old bags or something of the kind. Wash and divide at planting time.